



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

APPROVED Minutes on 12-15-03

Minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Citizens Advisory Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on November 17, 2003.

Members Present

Robert Hawkins, Chairperson	Elaine Linhoff
Cris Trapp, Vice Chairperson	Phillip Lugar
Barry Allen	Jim Miller
Brent Cooper	Richard Rivett
Ray Halowski	Dolores Otting
Sandra Haskell	Jennifer Winn

Staff Representatives:

Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager
Niki Kallikounis, Planning Department Assistant

Members not Present

Steve Bromberg, Mayor	Carol Hoffman
Richard Nichols, Council Member	Tom Hyans
Gary Borquez - RESIGNED	Marge Pantzar
Gus Chabre	Nancy Raney
Laura Dietz	Louis Von Dyl
Thomas Eastmond	Christopher Welsh
Maggie Fitzgerald	

Others Present

Barry Eaton, Planning Commissioner
Captain Fred Bockmiller - Potential EQAC Member
Scott Barnard, Project Manager Consultant, St. Mark Presbyterian Church
John Benner, St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Phillip Bettencourt

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

No quorum present. Meeting began with item 6.

6. Report from Membership Subcommittee

Chairman Hawkins announced that Dolores Otting is now the Chairperson of the

Membership Subcommittee. Dolores Otting reported on the concerns of the committee and said the subcommittee made a decision to keep a matrix of membership and attendance. The matrix would also include the subcommittees that people participated in. Discussion ensued regarding recruitment to the committee and suggestions were offered.

7. Report from EQAC Representative to GPUC

No report - a meeting is coming up in December.

Quorum present at 7:25 p.m.

1. Minutes of October 20, 2003

Motion by Ray Halowski to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Phillip Lugar.

Motion passed unanimously. Two abstaining.

2. Subcommittee Report on Regent Newport Beach Resort Hotel Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Clarification on several comments in the report was made. Discussion ensued. Some changes were made in the report.

Motion by Phillip Lugar to accept the report and forward to City Council:

Seconded by Ray Halowski

Motion: passed unanimously.

3. Subcommittee Report St. Mark Presbyterian Church Notice of Preparation (NOP)

Chairman Hawkins commented that the environmental document came to the subcommittee about two and a half weeks ago without pages 18 and 19, which were the crucial traffic discussions. Chairman Hawkins stated that it was his understanding that the City corrected it but is concerned that it may be the case that other members of the public did not get the corrected sections. Chairman Hawkins referred to the subcommittee report, page one, paragraph two and not the suggestion to re-circulate the NOP for comment in view of those shortages.

The committee reviewed the document. Discussion ensued. Changes were made.

Ms. Wood referred to the re-circulation question, and noted that this is a Notice of Preparation and we are saying that we are preparing an environmental impact report and that we are going to do a traffic study. The check list portions that deal with traffic and transportation were included so that you could see which areas are expected to be impacted and will be focused on in the EIR and if you did not agree with that, you had the opportunity to comment. Ms. Wood stated that she did not think that it needs recirculation.

Motion to approve report as corrected Dolores Otting. Discussion ensued. I second to the motion. Motion failed.

Substitute Motion by Phillip Lugar to accept the document with corrections.

excluding the second paragraph on page 1.

Seconded: Dolores Otting

Discussion ensued.

Substitute Motion fails.

Motion by Phillip Lugar to accept the St. Mark report with the deletion in the second paragraph of a recommendation that the NOP be re-circulated with corrections.

Seconded by Elaine Linhoff

Discussion ensued.

Motion fails.

Substitute Motion by Dolores Otting to accept the St. Mark report with the corrections with the re-circulation requirement.

Seconded: Cris Trapp

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Report on Draft EIR for Pacific City, Huntington Beach

Brent Cooper commented that the emphasis the subcommittee took was to focus on what potential impact this project will have on Newport Beach.

Motion by Barry Allen to accept the subcommittee report.

Seconded by Phillip Lugar

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Subcommittee Report on Supplemental Draft EIR for Centerline

Motion by Elaine Linhoff to accept subcommittee report.

Seconded by Jim Miller

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Report from EQAC Members on GPAC

Phillip Lugar reported:

- GPAC had a Hoag Hospital presentation
- Discussed the biological resources addendum to the LCP
- GPAC will be getting another traffic study report

9. Report on LCP Process

Ms. Wood reported that staff is trying to respond to the comments they receive from the Coastal Commission's biologist. At the last LCP committee meeting, they decided that once the draft is complete to the satisfaction of the committee, we will begin the formal review process.

10. Council Member Reports

None

11. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Ms. Wood reported on the following:

- Newport Tech Center, 500 Superior - Initiated traffic study
- South Coast Shipyard - Contract approved for EIR study

12. Public Comments

None

13. Future Agenda Items

- Irvine Business Center
- Discussion to change meeting dates for January 19 and February 16, 2004 because of national holidays
- December potluck dinner

Chairman Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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